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MR. MAYOR, ALDERMEN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1957, in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health.

The general health of the Borough has remained good and there was no epidemic of any infectious disease.

The population of the Borough varies very little from the figures supplied by the Registrar General for last year, but there has been a drop in both the birth and death rates.

The vital statistics are set out in the following tables:

SECTION "A"

General Statistics

Area (statute acres) ...	...	...	...	786
Population – 1931 Census ...	...	...	...	3,519
Population – 1951 Census ...	...	...	...	3,897
Estimated Home Population – mid-1957 ...	...	...	...	3,910
Number of inhabited houses	...	...	...	1,232
Rateable Value ...	...	...	...	£47,817
Product of Penny Rate ...	...	...	...	£190
Loan Debt ...	...	...	...	£134,044

Vital Statistics

					<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Live Births ...	...	...	...	...	15	19	34
Legitimate ...	...	...	...	...	15	18	
Illegitimate ...	...	...	...	...		1	
							<i>England and Wales</i>
Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 population ...	...	...	...	...		8.7	16.1
Corrected Birth Rate ...	...	...	...	...		9.2	
Still Births ...	...	...	...	...		2	
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 live and still births ...	...	...	...	...		58.8	22.4
					<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Deaths ...	...	...	...	...	23	18	41
							<i>England and Wales</i>
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population ...	...	...	...	...		10.4	11.5
Corrected Death Rate ...	...	...	...	...		8.7	
Deaths from Maternal Causes ...	...	...	...	...		Nil	
Maternal Mortality ...	...	...	...	...		—	
Deaths of Infants under 1 year ...	...	...	...	...		1	
Infant Mortality ...	...	...	...	...		24.3	23.0
<i>Year</i>	<i>Population</i>			<i>Birth Rate</i>		<i>Death Rate</i>	
1953	3,840			12.0		29.2	
1954	3,860			11.4		12.2	
1955	3,840			14.8		12.2	
1956	3,900			12.8		15.3	
1957	3,910			8.7		10.4	



The chief causes of death were as follows:

Cancer	...	...	...	...	...	5
Vascular disease	...	...	...	...	...	10
Coronary disease	...	...	...	...	...	4
Other heart disease	...	...	...	...	...	4
Other circulatory disease	...	...	...	...	...	2
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	1
Disease of the Respiratory System	...	...	...	...	...	1
Nephritis	...	...	...	...	...	2
Hyperplasia	...	...	...	...	...	2
Other Causes	...	...	...	...	...	8
Accidental	...	...	...	...	...	2

**Ages at Death Table**

<i>Age at Death</i>				<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
Infants under 1 year	...	...	...	—	1
1– 5 years	...	...	...	—	—
5–15	„	...	...	—	—
15–25	„	...	...	—	—
25–35	„	...	...	—	—
35–45	„	...	...	1	—
45–55	„	...	...	—	1
55–65	„	...	...	3	2
65–75	„	...	...	7	7
75 years and over	...	...	...	12	7
TOTAL				23	18

**SECTION “B”**

**General Provision of Health Services**

There was no change in the general provision of health services during the year and they continued to run smoothly.

The Ambulance Service, which is run by the St. John Ambulance Brigade with delegated powers from the Devon County Council, continued to give both adequate and efficient service.

Prolonged efforts are being made in the Borough by the Association and Brigade Committees to acquire suitable premises as a Headquarters, where adequate training and practice in the art of first aid can be undertaken, particularly in encouraging young cadets of both sexes. At the time of writing negotiations have gone as far as an agreement being signed, but there is, as yet, no signs of adaptation of the premises.

**National Assistance Act, 1948**

No case had to be removed under Section 47 during the year.

**Welfare Services**

These remain as in previous years, but benefits for old people could still be considerable extended. Apart from the fine new Old People’s Home in Okehampton, there is no accommodation for elderly people, and in my opinion, the Home Help Service could be greatly extended at far less cost than providing new institutions of the above nature.

SECTION "C"

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

Mr. Brunskill has submitted the following report, which includes some duties in his capacity as Borough Surveyor, and those of his duties as Public Health Inspector.

I present, with pleasure, my 30th annual Report for the year 1957. To again reduce the length of the Report without minimising its value, static information is omitted, and the reader is referred to the Report for 1950 for these particulars.

Water Supply

SOURCES. Sources of supply are from watersheds in the hinterland of Dartmoor feeding two intakes. One at Newbridge on the Black-a-ven stream has been in operation since 1939, while the much older and smaller is at Yes Tor on the Red-a-ven stream. Supplies at the intakes have been quite adequate throughout the year. Water is soft in character.

RAINFALL. Rainfall records are taken at two points on the watershed and at the Filter Station. Returns are sent monthly to the Air Ministry Meteorological Office. The 1957 figures were much above the average at both Cranmere and Newbridge but only slightly above at Okehampton. Readings are taken monthly at Cranmere and Newbridge and daily at the Filter Station and the Pleasure Gardens, and are set out below for the past five years.

	1957	1956	1955	1954	1953
Cranmere ...	96.70	76.00	64.74	99.52	65.65
Newbridge ...	73.40	57.00	55.61	83.30	54.08
Filter Station ...	55.65	45.82	49.05	61.83	41.48
Pleasure Gardens	49.11	43.07			
Dry Days (no rain)	207	189	189	131	187

The driest months were April, May and June, and the wettest February, July and March in those orders. Dry spells were very limited – May (11 days), April (9 days) and November (9 days). The heaviest fall was 1.71 in. on 10th December, and there was more than 1 in. fall on five other days.

INTAKE MAINS. Mains in the Artillery danger zones have again escaped serious damage and functioned properly throughout the year. On the No. 2 Black-a-ven Intake Main, which has now been in operation for nineteen years, main scraping was carried out during the summer on the section from the Sandpits – Break Pressure tank, under Moor Brook and through the Camp to the Filter Station. Large quantities of soft peat deposit were removed and a greatly improved flow supply has resulted. At Red-a-ven No. 1 Intake minor repairs to improve the supply were carried out. This main was cut and opened up for inspection and found to be in satisfactory condition. A new 4 in. sluice valve to give additional control was inserted. Break Pressure valves were overhauled in the course of the work. Old disused supply pipes were again cleared and land drained on the abandoned works on the Okehampton Park Estate. Further levelling off of the old disused sand filters at Anthony's stile was carried out.

FILTRATION AND TREATMENT. The plant has been in continuous operation throughout the year. Minor intermittent faults were remedied by the attendant in daily attendance. The sludge beds were cleared and overhauled.



A new by-pass sluice valve with a hydrant has been fixed at the Filter Station so that an emergency supply from the Intakes can now be diverted direct to the reservoir without passing through the filter station. This will be valuable in case of emergency repairs. During the year the Filter Station was externally and internally repainted together with the filters and equipment. New steps to the Break Pressure Tanks have been constructed. Filters are generally washed daily by high-pressure air scour and kept up to a high operational standard which is essential owing to the intake of peaty solids. The heavy rainfall on Dartmoor again caused discoloration for short periods, and additional washing of filters is then carried out.

The treated water is clear, soft, colourless and of excellent taste. It is particularly pleasant for both personal use and domestic purposes. Analyses indicate it to be of satisfactory standard of purity both bacteriologically and chemically. Of 15 samples taken for bacteriological analysis, 13 passed to Ministry of Health Class 1 Standard, and 2 Class IV. P.H. values have been generally maintained at 7.0 degrees. A further additional man was trained for filter operations. Four men operate on a rota of weekend duties at over-time rates.

DISTRIBUTION. Zonal distribution, which gives a stabilised pressure in the controlled low-level area and maintains pressure in the outer high-level zones, has now been in continuous operation for 20 years without interruption except for repairs.

Mains were regularly flushed and leak inspections continuously carried out. Leaks were found and repaired on 35 Corporation service pipes, 5 Corporation mains, which were completely fractured, and on 31 consumer services. Maintenance work in clearing service pipes, mainly by force pump, was carried out on 34 services. Valve repairs were carried out in Mill Road-Kempley Road, Mill Road-Grammar School, and Parklands-Brandize Park, and main and service pipe repairs in Parklands and Crediton Road.

Distribution mains were scraped and cleared in Parklands, Station Road, from Parklands, and Market Street from Fore Street to the Sheep Market. Substantial improvements in flows resulted.

At Castle Lane a further new length of 3 in. asbestos pressure pipe mains was laid between the first and second blocks of Castle Cottages to replace the defective old cast iron main. The whole length of the Cottages is now covered by new asbestos mains.

In connection with the West Bridge Road Improvement Scheme temporary 4 in. high level and low level zone mains were laid on a temporary bridge over the West Ockment River.

The pressure gauge control box at Parklands has again proved most useful in maintenance of proper pressures on the H.L. mains. Minor repairs and overhaul were carried out at the Station Road Pressure Reducing Valve.

There was comparatively little frost during the year and the effect on the distribution system was insignificant.

New services and supply pipes are now mainly being laid in copper and polythene tubes. This new plastic tubing, in addition to being light and easy to transport, simple to bend and work, has the added advantage of being elastic and frost-resistant. Adequate earthing facilities for electricity supplies are of course required. Service stopcocks fixed direct on the mains obviate cutting off main supplies during repairs. New services have been provided for 6 new properties and three existing properties.

In accordance with the Council's policy for large consumers further water meters have been fixed at trade premises, garages, schools and similar buildings.



## **Drainage and Sewerage**

Sewers and sewage disposal works have again continued to operate satisfactorily with no serious defects. Trade effluent from Gas Works has continued with little nuisance. Since the provision of additional storm overflows on the main sewer at North Street and North Road there has been no further flooding of any kind. In connection with the West Bridge Improvement Scheme the new 9 in. sewer laid in a tunnel deep under the road on the west side of the bridge has been operating satisfactorily.

Repairs included relaying a short length of sewer and building the adjoining manhole near Brayhams to repair damage to the Oaklands sewer. New manhole covers were fixed in Fore Street and New Road. Minor repairs were again carried out to the 12 in. distribution pipes and screening tanks at the disposal works. The extended concrete sludge drying bays have provided valuable additional storage capacity and easier loading facilities.

Additional labour was again provided for the farmer for clearing and spreading sludge. The irrigation channels were partially cleared of deposit and weeds. Effluent standards have been well maintained and no complaints as to river pollution have been received.

Samples of the river water from the Ockment River were taken by the Devon Rivers Board, at and below the disposal works, and these show a very clean river and that the effluent discharge has had no significant effect on the water.

## **Rivers and Streams**

The East and West Ockment rivers are self-cleansing and very clean. Solid rubbish is periodically removed. Pollution from laundries almost ceased. The Okehampton Castle Laundry provided new pumping equipment which further improved conditions.

## **Swimming Pool**

The swimming pool and paddling pool, both of which are supplied by continuous running water, have been well maintained and conducted. As previously, the pools were cleaned periodically during the season and lightly chlorinated.

## **Public Cleansing, Refuse Collection and Disposal**

Refuse Collection and Disposal have continued with weekly collections throughout the year. A driver and two men collect the refuse satisfactorily on Thursdays and Fridays each week with an additional trade and domestic collection on Mondays. Street cleansing is carried out over some areas at the same time as refuse collection. Normal street cleansing is by orderly truck, and streets are also cleansed daily, including Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings.

In July, 1956, a new Karrier Bantam 7 cu. yd. Refuse Collector with detachable covers was put into service and is proving most satisfactory and useful. The lower loading line has again proved its value.

Disposal by regulated tipping has been satisfactory. Rodent Control is carried out by the Council's own operator. The tip is regularly treated and sprayed daily or three times a week as necessary with top dressing for the control of flies. This has again been most effective, even in dry hot weather, in keeping the tip free of flies. Considerable quantities of trade refuse are also dumped on the tip, and the deposit of refuse from the egg grading and packing stations has again caused something of a problem. Levelling of the tip to improve contours is continually carried out. Accumulated scrap metal has again been buried in.

## Salvage

Small quantities of scrap metals have been disposed of but there is still no worth while demand for waste paper much of which has to be burnt on the tip.

## Infectious Diseases and Disinfection

No cases of infectious diseases have had to be dealt with for nine years in succession. Minor disinfection treatment has been in individual houses for flies.

## Rodent Control

In accordance with Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food requirements, rodent control continued as required throughout the year with a part-time operator. Block control has been carried out where necessary throughout the area, to a progressively lessening extent. The incidence of infestation in the area has again continued to decline. Sewer treatment again showed little infestation and only in very small limited areas.

## Factories and Workshops

Factories and Workshops have been kept in good condition. Inspections have been made in 95 instances and informal notice was given in 3 cases for want of cleanliness and defective sanitary accommodation. The tables on pages 9 and 10 give details of inspections and defects found.

## Smoke Abatement

Four minor cases of smoke emission, all from two laundries, were dealt with by informal action. Both laundries have carried out extensive alterations to their boiler furnaces to improve conditions. One changed over to oil fuel.

## Fish Frying

There are one small fish frying shop and one larger fish frying shop and cafe. Both have been well conducted, and formal action was not necessary.

## Offensive Trades

At the two establishments nine inspections were made. No action has been necessary.

## Sanitary Inspections of the Area

The following visits and inspections were carried out during the year.

Houses – Repairs ...	...	...	...	...	83
Houses – re-housing	...	...	...	...	31
Drainage ...	...	...	...	...	40
Public Conveniences	...	...	...	...	48
Sewerage ...	...	...	...	...	28
Water Supply, including Housing	...	...	...	...	89
Rivers ...	...	...	...	...	20
Refuse Disposal ...	...	...	...	...	14
Miscellaneous ...	...	...	...	...	14
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	12
Refuse and Disposal Tip	...	...	...	...	28
Rodents ...	...	...	...	...	7
Tents and Vans ...	...	...	...	...	5
Schools ...	...	...	...	...	12
Disinfestation and Disinfection ...	...	...	...	...	4
Animals ...	...	...	...	...	5
Food and Meat Shops	...	...	...	...	154
Egg Packing Stations	...	...	...	...	19
Offensive Trades ...	...	...	...	...	4
Informal Notices Remedied	...	...	...	...	16

# 1. INSPECTIONS

<i>Premises</i>	<i>Number on Register</i>	<i>Number of</i>		
		<i>Inspec- tions</i>	<i>Written Notices</i>	<i>Occupiers Prosecuted</i>
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ...	32	70	4	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	14	14	—	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ... ..	7	10	—	—
TOTAL ...	53	94	4	—

# 2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which Prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M Inspector	by H.M Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness	2	2	—	1	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable Temperature	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate Ventilation	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors ...	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	—	2	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences	1	1	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	4	4	—	3	—



3. OUTWORK

<i>Nature of Work</i>	<i>Number of Out-workers in August list required by Section 110 (i) (c)</i>
Wearing Apparel, Making, etc.           ...       ...       ...	Nil

SECTION "D"

Housing

Housing Repairs

Individual defective houses were inspected and 7 were rendered fit by informal notice. Two houses were dealt with under the Rent Act.

Housing, Management, Maintenance and Repairs

Normal maintenance repairs have again been minor in character and small in numbers during the year on the pre-war houses at North Road, post-war houses at Savile Mead Estate, temporary bungalows and requisitioned properties. All repairs except electrical and exterior painting are carried out by the Council's own small maintenance staff. As in previous years, the policy of carrying out repairs as quickly as possible and while limited in extent, has again been well worth while in cutting maintenance and avoiding excessive repairs costs. This has been very evident in the case of the pre-war houses. Furthermore, the arrangements of thoroughly overhauling, cleansing, repairing and redecorating each house on change of tenancy virtually gives each new tenant a clean new house at the commencement of occupation. Tenants are also invited to exchange accommodation so as to reduce overcrowding and eliminate under-occupation.

The table on page 12 which sets out Housing Maintenance Statistics, shows how effective this policy has been in maintaining stability in both rents and repairs and maintenance costs. This trend continues.

New Construction

New development on the Savile Mead Housing Estate was continued during the year and work on this Estate was virtually completed. Of ten houses in two blocks of four and one pair, with two police houses which were in progress by two Contractors at Simmons Way Extension, four houses had been completed. The remaining houses were completed during the year. The two police houses were built by the Council for the Devon County Standing Joint Committee.

All the houses and flats were built in accordance with plans prepared by the Borough Architect and under his direction and supervision. The houses are of a modified type, containing dining-kitchen, parlour, and one double and two single bedrooms, or two double and one single bedroom, and the usual offices. The floor area of the three bedroom houses is the same as that of the two bedroom houses in the previous scheme. Furthermore, each of the new houses has a small parlour.

Work on the completion of the construction of footways and fencing on the Savile Mead Estate at Simmons Way Extension was continued and completed during the year.

The completion of Savile Mead Housing Estate has provided an additional 56 two, three and four bedroomed houses, and 16 two bedroomed flats – a total of 72 new family units in addition to the Wardhayes Aged People's Home which will accommodate a further forty persons.



Work was completed during the year on two houses of sub-standard construction at Nos. 4 and 6 High Street. From plans prepared under the supervision and direction of the Borough Engineer and Architect, these two properties were converted into two two-bedrom maisonettes and two one-bedroom flats. All four units are now occuiped.

Six private houses were in progress at the beginning of the year, six were completed during the year, and two were in course of erection at the end of the year. The number of private houses built and in progress during the year was again approximately the same as the average for pre-war years, but slightly less than in 1956.

HOUSING REVENUE					HOUSING REPAIRS FUND					
	<i>Pre-war</i>	<i>Post-war</i>	<i>Temporary</i>	<i>Housing Revenue Account Surplus</i>	<i>Rate Contribution</i>	<i>Balance on 31st March</i>	<i>Accumulation per house</i>		<i>Annual Contribution</i>	
							<i>Temporary</i>	<i>Permanent</i>	<i>Temporary</i>	<i>Permanent</i>
				£	d.	£	£	£	£	£
1948-49	3/1 to 12/-	20/-	14/-	2,121	1.3	424	3.3	8.0	4	4
1950	10/-	20/-	14/-	1,925	1.7	299	4.0	4.0	4	4
1951	15/-	20/-	14/-	2,507	3.0	563	4.0	4.0	4	4
1952	15/-	20/-	14/-	2,414	2.0	1,139	29.0	7.0	8	8
1953	15/-	20/-	14/-	2,973	2.5	683	8.4	7.2	10	12
1954	15/-	20/-	14/-	4,045	2.5	1,204	13.3	13.2	10	12
1955	15/-	20/-	14/-	4,522	4.5	2,423	18.9	21.7	10	15
1956	15/-	20/-	14/-	4,740	5.1	3,520	25.1	28.6	10	15
1957	15/-	20/-	14/-	4,884	5.3	4,527	25.0	33.9	10	15

## SECTION "E"

### Inspection and Supervision of Food

#### Milk

During 1957 samples of Milk have again been taken as follows:

	<i>Samples</i>	<i>Passed</i>	<i>Failed</i>
Tuberculin Tested ...	36	32 (88%)	4 (12%)
Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised) ...	8	7 (87½%)	1 (12½%)

Of all the samples taken from 12 producers, 8 had no failures, and similarly from 8 retailers four had no failures during the year.

Sixty-one inspections of cowsheds, dairies and milk shops were made and informal notices were given as and when necessary. The general standard of cleanliness has continued good and in a number of cases very good.

#### Ice Cream

Samples of Ice Cream for bacteriological examinations were taken during the year with the following results:

<i>Grade I</i>	<i>Grade II</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Failed</i>
20	3	23	Nil

Samples were taken from 17 different retailers.

#### Slaughterhouses

Only one slaughterhouse has been regularly used in accordance with the Ministry's instructions and requirements of the Food and Drugs Acts. This is well maintained.

The arrangements made with the Rural District Council for their Meat Inspector to operate in the Borough continues to function completely satisfactorily.

Details of the number of animals killed and inspected and the carcasses, parts or organs condemned are set out in the table on page 15.

#### Bakehouses, Meat and Food Shops

These premises have all been well maintained. Minor improvements have been carried out in a number of them. Inspections were made and informal notices were given in four instances.

New Bye-laws made under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, for the proper handling of food sold for human consumption, have been in force since February, 1952.

The number of food premises in the area are as follows:

Grocers ...	...	...	...	13
Greengrocers ...	...	...	...	8
Confectioners ...	...	...	...	4
Bread and Cakes	...	...	...	5
Meat Shops ...	...	...	...	7
Fish Shops ...	...	...	...	2
Milk Shops ...	...	...	...	2
Dairies ...	...	...	...	4
Hotels and Bars ...	...	...	...	10
Cafes ...	...	...	...	8

#### Other Foodstuffs

Foods have been examined and 40 condemnation certificates have been issued. These were mainly canned foods which had deteriorated owing to defective containers. The total weight of food condemned was 3 cwt. Condemned food is destroyed at the Council's refuse disposal tip. The amount shows a reduction on previous years.

## Food Hygiene Regulations

In accordance with the Ministry of Food's instructions Food Hygiene Regulations have been maintained by the Medical Officer and myself in respect of all tradesmen and shops, hotels and boarding houses who handle food.

Particular attention has been given to markets and outside stalls and vans, and improvement in the storage and display of edible foods has continued. Nearly all foods liable to contamination for any length of time are now displayed under glass or polythene covers.

Improved cleanliness has been maintained with a number of shops and premises obtaining a high standard of hygiene.

## Samples taken under Section 3, Food and Drugs Act, 1938

Boracic Acid Ointment  
Lard  
Ginger Cake  
Brawn  
Malt Vinegar  
Ground Rice  
Lemon Flavouring  
Bitter Ale  
Caramel Bigollies  
Shredded Beef Suet  
Ammoniated Tincture of Quinine  
Pork Sausages.  
Tea Cake Mixture  
Ice Cream  
Saccharin Tablets  
Minced Chicken  
Bread and Butter  
Tonic Water  
Milk (15 samples)

All the above samples were genuine.

## Food Poisoning

No case of food poisoning occurred during the year.

I am, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,

R. ALAN BRUNSKILL,

*Borough Engineer, Architect  
and Public Health Inspector.*



CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	<i>Cattle excluding Cows</i>	<i>Cows</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep and Lambs</i>	<i>Pigs</i>	<i>Horses</i>
Number killed (if known) ...	386	45	7	1,205	563	—
Number inspected	385	45	7	1,185	560	—
<i>All diseases except tuberculosis and cysticerci:</i>						
Whole carcasses con- demned ...	1	—	—	29	3	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was con- demned ...	151	33	1	303	78	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with dis- ease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci ...	39.48%	73.33%	14.28%	28.01%	14.46%	
<i>Tuberculosis only:</i>						
Whole carcasses con- demned ...	2	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was con- demned ...	37	5	—	—	27	—
Percentage of the numbers inspected affected with tuberculosis	10.13%	11.11%	—	—	4.82%	—
<i>Cysticercosis:</i>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was con- demned ...	2	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration ...	1	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned ...	—	—	—	—	—	—

**SECTION "F"**

**Prevalence of, and Control over, Infectious and other Diseases**

Cases of infectious disease notified during the year by the doctors are set out in the table on page 17.

The following infectious diseases were notified by the School Authorities.

Okehampton Grammar School	...	...	<i>Scarlet Fever</i>	1
Okehampton County Primary School	...	...	<i>Chicken Pox</i>	11
			<i>Whooping Cough</i>	12

**Diphtheria**

No cases of diphtheria were notified during the year

**Poliomyelitis**

One case of Poliomyelitis was notified as having occurred in the Borough.

**Tuberculosis**

No deaths were recorded from this cause, but four new cases were notified during the year, three pulmonary and one glandular in origin.

At the end of the year 29 cases remained on the Register as follows:

<i>Pulmonary</i>		<i>Non-Pulmonary</i>	
<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>
15	11	2	1

In conclusion I would thank the Mayor and Corporation for the ready hearing my proposals always receive, and the Public Health staff and others who have materially assisted in the preparation of this report.

I am, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,

E. D. ALLEN-PRICE,  
*Medical Officer of Health.*

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED BY THE DOCTORS DURING THE YEAR

		<i>Lobar Pneumonia</i>		<i>Whooping Cough</i>		<i>Measles</i>		<i>Poliomyelitis</i>	
		<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>
Under 1 year ...	...	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
1-2 years ...	...	—	—	2	2	—	1	—	—
3-4 years ...	...	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—
5-9 years ...	...	—	1	4	8	—	—	—	—
10-14 years ...	...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
15-25 years ...	...	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
25 years and over ...	...	4	2	—	1	—	—	—	—
Age unknown ...	...	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	...	5	6	11	12	—	1	—	1







